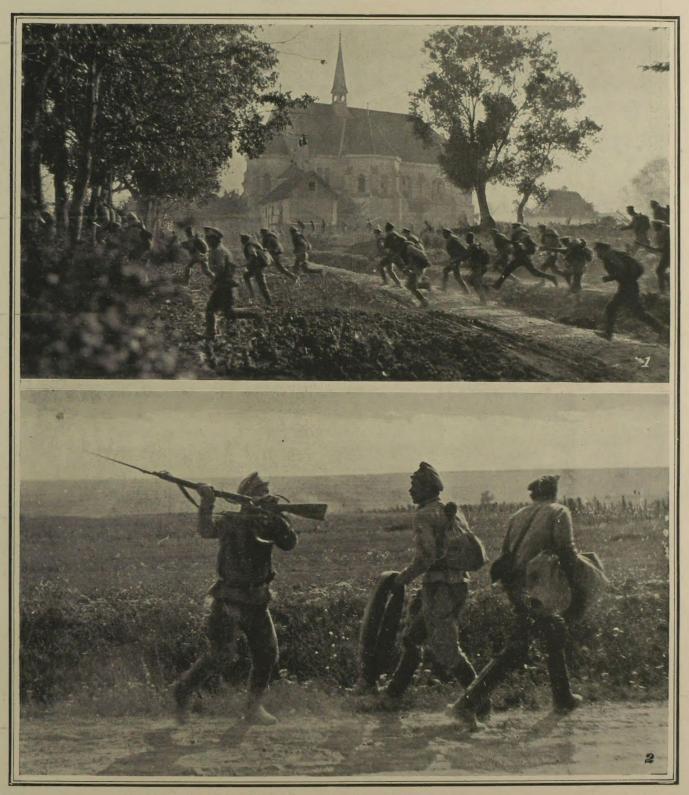
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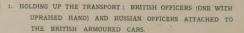
REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RUSSIAN DÉBÂCLE: (1) PANIC-STRICKEN RUSSIAN TROOPS IN FLIGHT; (2) A RUSSIAN SOLDIER WHO REMAINED STEADFAST USING HIS RIFLE ON RUNAWAYS.

The remarkable photographs reproduced on this and other pages in this number show, better than any written description, the state of demoralisation and panic among the Russian troops on certain sections of the Russian front. Of the two photographs given above, the upper one illustrates the first mad rush at one point of the line when a cry have broken through." The scene occurred in a village. In the lower photograph a Russian soldier of the old school, one of those still loyal to his country and his military duty, is seen using his rifle upon two others whom he has caught in the act of running away.

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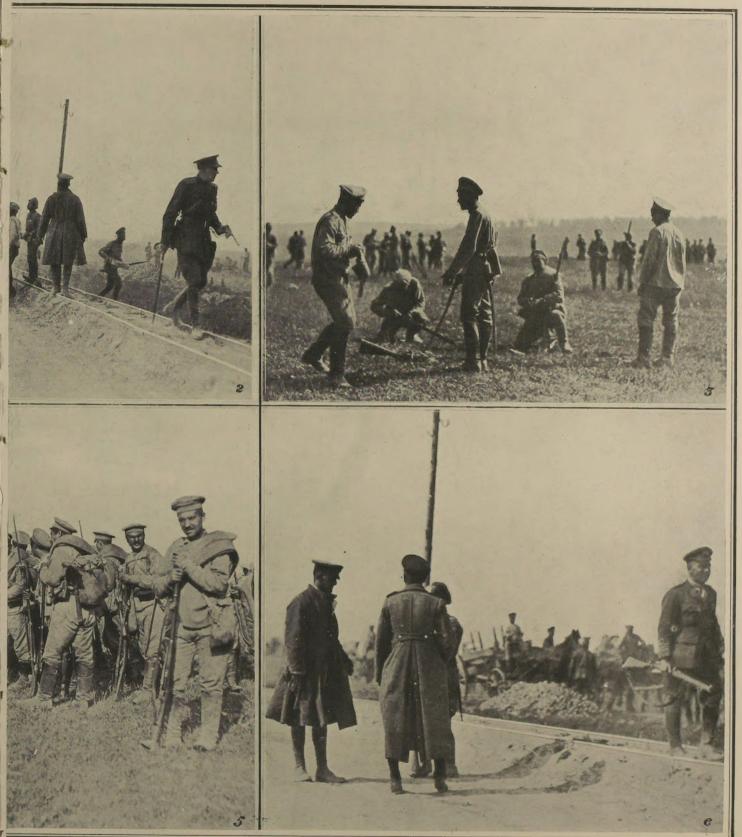
2. AT THE HOLDING-UP OF A MOTOR-LORRY AND REMOVAL OF THE MEN: CAPTAIN GERRARD, OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY (SEEN ON THE RIGHT).

3. GIVING ORDERS WITH DRAWN SWORD: A RUSSIAN OFFICER ORGANISING PICKED RIFLEMEN TO LINE A ROAD AT INTERVALS.

Here and on two other pages (including the front page) we give some very remarkable photographs illustrating the recent state of disorganisation on the Russian front. The first of the above photographs shows British officers, with Russian officers attached to the British Armoured Cars, holding up transport, A British officer may be observed (on right) with one hand raised, and a rifle in the other. In the second photograph (upper middle), a motor-lorry is seen being held up and the men taken off. The officer on the right with a revolver in his hand in a threatening attitude is Captain Gerrard, of the Russian Army, but attached to the British Armoured Cars as an interpreter. He is a Russian officer of the very best type, a man of unflinching courage, who has done splendid work during the retreat, risking his life many times every day. The third photograph illustrates one of the measures taken to resist

BRITISH OFFICERS JOIN IN EFFORTS TO STOP THE PANIC.

ILLUSTRATIONS BUREAU



RUSSIAN SOLDIER ASSISTING SOME BRITISH OFFICERS TO STOP MEN RUNNING AWAY.

VANCING GERMAN CAVALRY: SOME OF THE 800 RUISIAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE SELECTED.

4. THE STEADFAST ELEMENT IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY: A | 5. PICKED MEN CHOSEN TO GUARD A ROAD AGAINST AD- | 6. THE CHIEF OF THE BRITISH ARMOURED - CARS DIVISION: COMMANDER LOCKER-LAMPSON (ON THE LEFT) HEARING

the enemy's advance. When sufficient men had been collected, rifles were given them and they were afterwards deployed on either side of the road as a means of defence against the German cavalry. In the picture some of them are seen trying their new rifles, and a Russian officer with his sword drawn is telling one soldier to pick up his rifle. The fourth illustration (lower left) shows British officers assisted by a Russian soldier (who was quite undisturbed by the panic) stopping other soldiers who were trying to make off. In the next photograph are seen some of the 800 men who were collected to stop the German cavalry. The last photograph (lower right) shows, on the left, Commander Locker-Lampson, M.P., commanding the British

THE RUSSIAN DÉBÂCLE: REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF TYPICAL SCENES.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ILLUSTRATIONS BUREAU.



RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WHO REMAINED STEADY: PICKED MEN LINING A ROAD-SHOWING (IN THE DISTANCE) A FIRE CAUSED BY A GERMAN SHELL.



RUSSIAN SOLDIERS STRICKEN WITH PANIC: A MAD RUSH THROUGH A VILLAGE ON THE NEWS OF GERMAN CAVALRY APPROACHING.

These photographs, along with those on our front page and a double-page in this number, give a remarkably interesting picture of the recent débâcle on the Russian front and of the measures taken in an effort to arrest the panic and oppose the enemy's advance. One part in the scheme of defence was the stationing of 800 picked men, who had remained steady, along a road at intervals in order to deal with approaching German

cavalry. In the upper photograph above, some of these men are seen taking up their positions. The lower illustration, on the other hand, shows the deplorable behaviour of other Russian troops the moment a cry was raised that German cavalry had broken through. It is not perfect as a specimen of photography, but as a "human document" it is so extremely interesting that we give it just as we received it.

"MY ARMY . . . HAS SHOWN ITSELF WORTHY": FIGHTING ROUMANIA.

FRENCH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH.



THE KING OF ROUMANIA AND HIS HEROIC ARMY: KING FERDINAND, WITH THE CROWN PRINCE AND GENERAL AVERESCU, WAICHING HIS TROOPS MARCH PAST.

The Roumanian Army has been doing great things of late. Its offensive towards the end of July was a brilliant success, for it advanced about twelve miles on a front of twenty miles, stormed strong enemy positions, and captured nearly 5000 prisoners and 100 guns. Owing to the Russians on the Roumanian right having to fall back, to keep touch with other Russian forces to the north, the Roumanians were then exposed to powerful German attacks; but although they had to retire, they again fought splendidly, making many counter-attacks and taking over 2000 more prisoners and several guns. Their conduct was all the more praiseworthy in view of the depressing news from Russia,

the panic among the civilian population, and the dissemination of German propaganda. The courage, endurance, and steadiness of the Roumanian troops have seldom been equalled in the war, and they succeeded in keeping the Carpathian front intact. King Ferdinand said in his reply to a message from King George: "In its struggles by the side of its Russian brothers-in-arms, my Army, reformed in spite of all the adversities which surround it, has shown itself worthy of all the hopes founded on its patriotism and valour by its victorious resistance to the enemy's violent and reiterated onslaughts; and in its struggle it has displayed all its force, sustained by unbreakable faith."



By G. K. CHESTERTON.

N EARLY three years ago Mr. H. G. Wells published a series of articles called "The War that Will End War." About three weeks ago he published an article in the Daily News called "A Reasonable Man's Peace." Perhaps the chief truth to note about his last scheme was that it will not fulfil any one of the ideals suggested in his first scheme. Whatever else the reasonable man may expect to achieve by his peace, it most certainly will not be a peace that will end war. If he retains any hope of its doing anything of the kind, the reasonable man is a very unreasonable man indeed. Without claiming that Mr. Wells is divinely exalted above all temperamental temptations to being unreasonable, we may postulate that he is a man of penetrating and

far - sighted intelligence; and it is therefore more respectful to assume that he sees this as well as we do. He is, perhaps, among those who have only come to think that the first war aims need not be carried out, under the pressure of a notion that they cannot be carried out. Of such critics I have only to say, as I said last week, that if this is what they mean, the world would be saved some waste of words if it were also what they say. would rather confess that our resources were insufficient at the end than that our intentions were wrong from the be-ginning. I could still at least maintain that we were morally justified in designing what we were materially equipped not for doing. The destruc-tion of the Prussian power was a more pure, a more chivalrous, and a more humane ideal than the English people has ever set before itself since Alfred raised the West Country against the Danes. We should not need to renounce it as an ideal, even if we were thus compelled to renounce it as a reality. But it is a perfectly plain fact that we are not compelled to renounce it as a reality. We know it is attainable as a reality, by precisely the same knowledge of

the same knowledge of military and historic facts by which we know it is desirable as an ideal. Anyone who knows what Prussianised Germany was, and is, knows that nothing but the alternative of certain military disaster would ever have set her intriguing for peace at all. Every argument she uses in the Council Chamber is an argument for her defeat in the field.

With Mr. Wells's particular proposals I am not much concerned; nor is it fair to class so clear-headed a man with common advocates of a compromise. A great part of his article is concerned with proposals for "internationalising" certain problems of the Turkish Empire and the African continent. Of this I have at the moment only one thing to say—and that is that such disputants, right or wrong, seem to suffer from a strange oblivion of the very crux of the business and the very beginning of the war. This war did not begin because international arrangements were not made, but because they were not kept. If there ever was a thing about which the Great Powers were

sclemnly and publicly agreed, the name of it was Belgium. It was the agreement which produced the disagreement. I cannot for the life of me see why partners should not quarrel at least as much about a country they are all supposed to share as about a country they are all supposed to protect. The experience of human nature suggests that they would probably quarrel more. But a queer and almost mad notion seems to have got into the modern head that, if you mix up everybody and everything more or less anyhow, the mixture may be called unity, and the unity may be called peace. It is supposed that, if you break down all doors and walls so that there is no domesticity, there will then be nothing but friend-

y postulate that he is a no domesticity, there will then be nothing but friend. Nation used to tell us the

SACRED GROUND FOR INDIAN MOSLEM HEROES WHO HAVE DIED OF WOUNDS IN ENGLAND:
A SPECIAL BURIAL-PLACE AT WOKING.

A burial-ground has been provided by the Imperial Government for Moslem soldiers of the Indian Army who have died of wounds in this country after serving in the war. It is attached to the beautiful Moslem Mosque at Woking, in Surrey, which is a place of pilgrimage for Moslems visiting, or resident in, England,—[Photograph by Newspaper Illustrations.]

ship. Surely somebody must have noticed by this time that the men living in an hotel quarrel at least as often as the men living in a street. This is a digression, but a relevant one, for the whole discussion is haunted with this hazy idea that mere international intercourse can prevent international irritation. These foolish people trace all the chances of war to the very thing which will always be the best chance of peacemen's habit of dwelling in their own boundaries and minding their own business. The only hope of attaining amity lies, not in ignoring boundaries, but, on the contrary, in respecting them. And the only chance of attaining that is to punish the Power that does not respect them. When every sophist has twisted and tangled the matter to the utmost, we always come back' to that simple truth. It is not a question of what arrangements we make or do not make. It is a question of what example we make, in the case of those who are ready to disarrange any arrangement. The special point here is, however, that we are not only asked to abandon our ideals, but specially

asked to abandon our peaceful ideals. What is offered to us now is not the war that will end war, but the peace that will end all our previous hopes of peace. Those who fancy that the matter can be met by founding a League of Nations, or anything of that kind, are men who fancy that a failure can be covered by naming it as if it were a novelty. They assume that a man who will not respect a treaty will be certain to respect a title. There is already a league of nations as large as any that could have to deal with any formidable secession—that is, any secession that was really worth dealing with. Thus, for instance, such papers as that which is rather ironically called the Nation used to tell us that America would, if necessary,

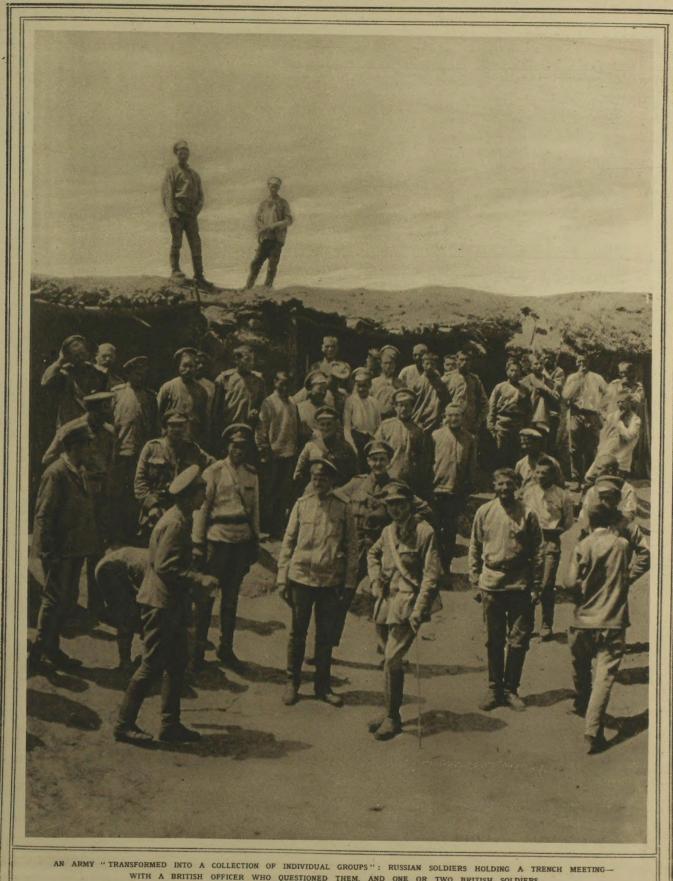
join the next war to resist attack on the new settlement. Now America has actually joined the present war; and now they tell us that even America cannot help us to a true settlement. They still talk their unmilitary and unscientific stuff about 'stalemate.' But what is the good of saying that America would join a League of Nations to threaten any aggressor, if she could only threaten him with stalemate? The chance might at any time be worth his trying. No; whether a group of Great Powers protecting international law is called a League of Nations, or whether it is simply called the Allies, is a mere matter of words. And there is no reason to suppose that a Power which cares nothing for its own word will care for a mere grammatical combination of our words. The ideal of a group of Powers strong enough to control any aggressor is simply one of the ideals we should abandon to obtain an early peace. We shall move towards it only if we show that this combination is strong enough to control this aggressor; otherwise, we simply move away from it. Another pacific ideal from which we obviously move away is that of

move away is that of disarmament. Every man who retains his sanity must know that if this war ends equally, or even dubiously, England must become much more military rather than less. It is self-evident to me that a renewed pressure of Prussian ambitions is a certainty; but for this purpose it is more than enough that it should be an uncertainty. The colossal war preparations of Europe were made because war was uncertain, not because it was certain. So long as it is even possible that Prussia may draw the swcrd, Europe will certainly wear the shield; and here again we come back to the same simplicity. There is no such peace as was promised us till it is impossible for Prussia to draw the sword—till her sword is broken like the sword of Attila.

I do not, therefore, accuse the Pacifists of violating my visions, but of violating their own. It is they who promised us a peace which may or may not be too perfect for mankind; it is they who refuse the obvious and only way of realising it even imperfectly.

THE RUSSIAN DÉBÂCLE: DISCUSSION INSTEAD OF DUTY IN THE TRENCHES.

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WITH A BRITISH OFFICER WHO QUESTIONED THEM, AND ONE OR TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS.

That the state of affairs in the Russian Army was still very serious up to the end of August may be gathered from a Russian army was still very serious up to the end of August may be gathered from a Russian communiqué published here on the 31st. "The battle in this neighbourhood (Focsani)," it stated, "was renewed on the morning of August 29. In the course of this engagement a large proportion of the men composing two of our regiments occupying trenches in this sector abandoned their positions and retired to the north, and following this one of these regiments dispersed." In various parts of the Russian lines discipline has become lax, and men have taken to gathering

in knots in the trenches to hold discussions, in the manner illustrated by our photograph in knots in the treuches to hold discussions, in the manner illustrated by our photograph. The British officer seen in the foreground (carrying a cane) went among the men and asked them what their object was. The Russian Commander-in-Chief, General Korniloff, said in the course of his speech at Moscow (quoted on the succeeding double-page): "A whole series of measures, taken by people who were completely foreign to the spirit and the affairs of the Army, transformed the latter into a collection of individual groups which have lost all sense of duty and only tremble for their personal safety."

"IF RUSSIA WISHES TO BE SAVED THE ARMY MUST BE

REGENERATED": ANARCHY ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

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COMMANDEERING A TRAIN TO RETURN ACROSS THE FRONTIER: SOME OF 3000 RUSSIAN

WALKING WOUNDED" FROM A HOSPITAL BASE.



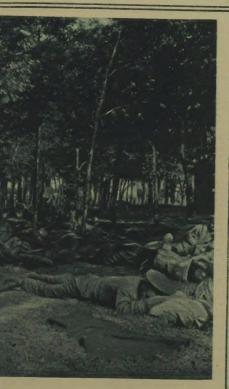
THE LINES TO BRING



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AN ENGINE SEIZED BY SOLDIERS THIRTY MILES BEHIND



FOR MANY HOURS.



ONE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE: LENINIST AGITATORS (IN THE TRAIN) BROUGHT FROM THE FRONT BY COSSACKS TO KIEFF, WHERE MANY WERE SUMMARILY DEALT WITH.



NEWS OF THE RUSSIAN DEBACLE REACHES A BRITISH RED CROSS HOSPITAL TEN MILES BEHIND THE LINES: TRANSPORT FOR NURSES AND PATIENTS SENT BY OUR ARMOURED-CARS DIVISION.

The grave state of disorder in the Russian Army was very frankly avowed by General Korniloff, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, in his recent speech at the Moscow Conference, where ined his plans for restoring discipline and efficiency. "The death penalty which I have asked to be restored," he said, "together with other measures, is only a small part of what ed, but the danger of fresh debacles is constantly weighing on the country. The situation at the front is so bad that we have lost the whole of Galicia, the whole of the

believe in a brilliant future for our Army. I believe that its ancient glory will be restored." As regards the last photograph, a "Times" account of the British armoured cars on the Russian front (illustrated elsewhere in this number), said: "The doctor and the English nurses, who had been doing splendid work in the hospital at Podhajce, left with our column."

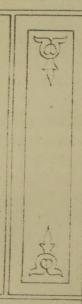
THE BRIGHT SPOT IN THE RUSSIAN RETREAT: BRITISH ARMOURED CARS.

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"THEY WENT OUT AT DAWN": SOME OF THE BRITISH CARS DRAWN UP, AWAITING THE ORDER TO ATTACK ON THE MORNING OF JULY 1.





PATROLLING WHEAT-FIELDS IN GALICIA TO SEARCH FOR ENEMY SNIPERS AND ARTILLERY-OBSERVERS: ONE OF THE BRITISH CARS.



AWAITING ORDERS ON JULY 1, AFTER ENEMY CAVALRY HAD BEEN REPORTED ADVANCING: BRITISH OFFICERS AND CARS.

The British Naval Armoured-Cars Division, under Commander Locker-Lampson, which had previously done such fine work in Belgium, Persia, Turkish Armenia, and the Dobrudja (Roumania), again performed splendid services during the recent Russian offensive and subsequent retreat. Writing from the headquarters of the Russian southwestern front on July 5, a "Times" Petrograd correspondent says: "The work of the British armoured cars during the Russian offensive deserves special mention. One of the squadrons was ordered to advance ahead of the Russian skirmishers along the high

road to Lemberg through Brzezany Wood. They went out at dawn on July 1. . . . The cars all returned safety. . . A British trench-mortar section was also engaged at this point of our offensive in conjunction with a motor-car Maxim detachment. . . The majority of the casualties were in the trenches among the men serving the machineguns. . . This is the first time during the great war that British and Russian troops have fought side by side in the trenches. The comradeship thus established has already produced the deepest effect. Each side apeaks in the highest terms of its Allies."

BRITISH NAVAL ARMOURED CARS IN RUSSIA: COVERING THE RETREAT.

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AFTER ONE OF NUMEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY'S FORCES: BRITISH ARMOURED CARS BEING REPAIRED ON THE ROAD,



WHERE MOST OF OUR CASUALTIES OCCURRED: IN THE TRENCHES ON JULY 1—OFFICERS OF THE MACHINE-GUN SECTION OF THE BRITISH ARMOURED-CARS DIVISION.

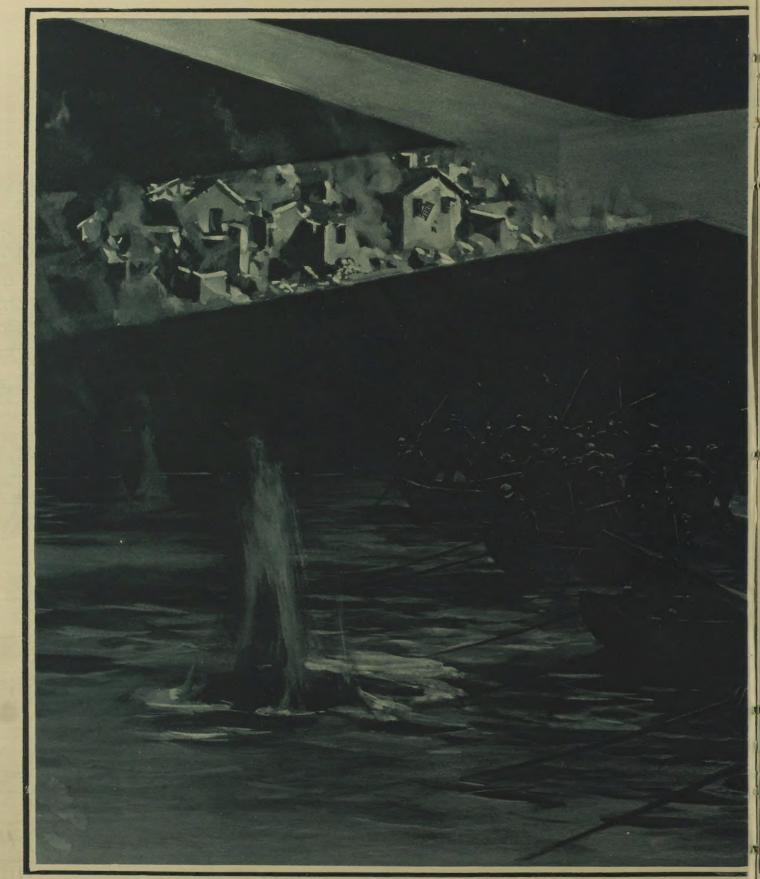
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A wounded British officer who has reached London says: "Thousands of men were struceling to get away. They seized motor, transports bringing up food and equipment, and, flinging these on the road, turned the wagons round and fought like demented men to get away. The place was congested to a terrible degree. . . . We held the enemy up for thirty-six hours. When we were compelled to retire, sixteen of us, including myself, had been wounded. . . I was placed on a hospital train at Tarnopol, a train which should have carried 350 men, and was due to leave at ten o'clock that night.

As there was no sign of the train moving out at one o'clock next morning, we sent to know the reason, and were told that the driver and firemen had run away and Cossacks were searching for them. At eight o'clock next morning a driver was found, and we left, but before we had gone twenty miles we had over 3000 people, most of them soldiers, on board. They were fighting for places on the buffers and on the foot-boards, and hundreds climbed to the roof, to which they cluing during the journey." A photograph of a t.ain with Russian soldiers on the roof appears on a double-page in this number.

THE GREAT ITALIAN OFFENSIVE: ENGINEERS BRIDGING

DRAWN BY H. W. KOEKKOEK FROM A SKETCH BY JULIUS



BLINDING AUSTRIAN GUNNERS BY SEARCHLIGHTS, TO HIDE THE WORK OF BRIDGE-

"The Isonzo at this particular point," writes Mr. Julius M. Price, in a note on his sketch from which our drawing was made, "runs through a deep wooded and rocky gorge, and the stream is very deep and extremely rapid. The Austrians had put a barrage of shell-fire all along this particular reach, possibly with an intuition that an attempt would be made to cross it somewhere, but they had not taken into account the daring and enterprise of the Italian Engineers. With an inspiration which was little short of genius, two powerful searchlights were turned on to the Austrian positions on the opposite bank, where the enemy were entrenched amongst the rocks and in a ruined village. Under cover of the binding lights, the Engineers succeeded in constructing the bridge, and a whole brigade of infantry crossed immediately and captured the Austrian defences, taking many prisoners. It was all accomplished

THE ISONZO BY NIGHT UNDER COVER OF SEARCHLIGHTS.

M. PRICE, OFFICIAL ARTIST WITH THE ITALIAN ARMY.



BUILDING: ITALIAN ENGINEERS CONSTRUCTING A PONTOON BRIDGE OVER THE ISONZO.

in record time, and the remarkable exploit considerably helped towards the progress achieved in this direction." The drawing shows the Italian Engineers rapidly constructing their pontoon bridge, a constant succession of men rushing up with fresh planks across the portion already finished to those working at the outer end. In the foreground two stretcher-bearers are seen carrying back a wounded man. The pontoons, it will be noted, are held in place against the strong current by means of ropes. In the background is the ruined village held by the Austrians lit up by the Italian searchlights, while along the further bank of the river towards the right, a shell is bursting. The whole effect is that of a pictorial record of one of the most remarkable and, unconventional aids to effective attack used by the Italians.—[Drawing Copyrighted in the United States and Canada.]

ITALY'S NIGHT BOMBARDMENT OF POLA BY AIRCRAFT: WHIN THE ENEMY WERE STUPEFIED BY THE PARACHUTE-LIGHT.

FACSIMILE SKETCH BY JULIUS M. PRICE, OFFICIAL ARTIST WITH THE ITALIAN ARMY.



A BIG RAID ON POLA. THE FAMOUS AUSTRIAN NAVAL BASE AND ARSENAL: ON O'VE OF THE CAPRONI BOMBING AEROPLANES-DROPPING BOMBS BY PARACHUTE-LIGHT.

"The hig alorated on the famous American Accessal and Harral Base," writes Mr. Julius Mr. Price, "will undoubtedly rank amongst the most daring episodes of the war. It overs the Italian writers with delibious glory. To cross the Adultica, some skiny miles, by daylight would be no mean feed. To accessible if at night is heroism. The raids were accomplished with extraordinary perceions. Each acceptance, which four mean to hand, thit the acceptance at fixed intervals of long minutes. There are machines on that raid, and 3 for account. They were plotted across the Adultic by fact moto-books, and the first machine was timed to survive ever Pala at a 'check, and the last to start us in the contract, the interval to the correct, the machine gives all the least to the start of the correct, the machine gives all the least to the correct, the machine gives all the least to the correct, the machine gives all the least to the correct, the machine gives all the least to the correct, the machine gives all the least to the correct, and the start of the correct and the correct accessing a new device.

was used. Caythin Burneth, who led one of the squadeus, released a parachate bearing an extremely powerful chemical light which burned for some time, illuminating the whole blace, and enabling the aviators to pick out their objectives without the lightest difficulty. These was not a breath of air string, and the parachote remained supposed, as it were, a mid-air light, like some immense plostly lamp. The Austrians were either stupshele or sworteries at the phenomenon, and for several minutes they actually caused their grow-fire and switched will their searchlights. The results of the raids were magnificent. No less than 14 tons of high-explosures were dropped, prox conditaration were related, and much change was done. All the machines returned to their base saidly, and "on time to the minute should."—lower operator without some conditaration was

GENERAL CADORNA'S MASTER-STROKE ON THE NORTHERN

ITALIAN OFFICIAL PROTOGRAPHS:



CARSO FRONT: THE ITALIAN VICTORY AT MONTE SANTO.

LOOKING ACROSS THE UPPER ISONZO VALLEY: THE APPROACH ALONG THE RIDGE TO AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD, MONTE CABRIELE.

The passentic tier that we give in the first illustration takes in the district where the crewining retorms of the opening stage of the August operations was architected. The measurant traces were also background, in practicular, from Monte Kick in the create of the salest to Monte Santo and Monte Sant Galvinin (on the right), range perspections in a world-earliery district, the in the case byte plots them to a previous and the control operation of the control operation operation of the control operation operation of the control operation operation operation of the control operation operat

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THE FOOT OF MONTE SANTO.

IN ONE OF THE ITALIAM BATTERIES FRONTING MONTE SANTO JUST BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE FINAL BOMBARDMENT: A LONG-RANGE ISS-MM. CUN ON A GUN-PIT MOUNTING.



SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

CONCERNING THE JUGO-SLAVS.

BEFORE this war burst upon us there were not PEFORE this war burst upon us there we very many, probably, who could have promptly answered the question—Who are the Jugo-Slavs? Even to-day no more than an approximately accurate answer can be given, for it is doubtful as to how many

of the peoples generally included in this term are really members of the same stock. It is certainly open to question, for example whether the Dalmatians, Montenegrins, and Albanians are to be regarded as Slavs, though they are quite commonly assigned this relationship not merely in the daily Press, but also by those who write as by authority. These three races all agree in presenting the extreme limits of bracembaly—that is to say they are the cephaly—that is to say, they are the most emphatically broad-headed peoples living; and they are further remarkable for their extreme tailness. That they are all members of the ancient immigrants from Asia which we distinguish by the term "Alpine" goes without saying—their round-headedness determines this. But their precise relationship to the Slavs is not so easily settled.

The Arnauts, or Albanians—who call themselves Skipetars—probably represent the oklest and purest branch of the family, and they are apparently to be regarded as descendants of the ancient Illyrians; though they have become more or less Slavonised by the Serbo-Croats. The purity of the Albanian blood owes its preservation to the inaccessibility of its mountain fastnesses, especially in the north. Here the last remnants of

the original inhabitants have retreated from the inroads of alien hosts from the east. In these sanctuaries are also to be found "long-heads," who may therefore claim an

even more ancient lineage than the Illyrian element, for they are surely relics of the primitive "Mediter-raneans" who were slowly thrust aside by the coming of the Alpines, who brought with them the knowledge of the metals. Unfortun-ately, the "pushfulness" of the Alpine is still at work among us. But that is another story. These long-heads, however, form but a very minute fraction of the population of Al-bania; the majority are of Illyrian descent, a distinction which they share with the Montenegrin and the Dalmatian, who have become, to a certain extent, Slavonised.

The racial affinities of these people is no mere academic matter; they may play a very important part in the settlement of the status of the Balkan peoples which will have to be faced in the immediate future. It seems highly probable that they will probable that they will elect to form an alliance with Italy rather than with the Slavs. The Jugo-Slavs—who, with their northern kinsmen the Czecho-Slovaks, are a branch of the Alpine family - comprise the Slovenes of the Austrian provinces of Styria, Carniola, Carinthia, Goritza, and Istria, the Serbo-Croats, Bosnians, Herzegovinans, and Serbians. Neither the Bulgarians nor the



WOMAN AS GAS MECHANIC: WOMEN CHARGING RETORTS, WITH AN "ARROL CHARGER, IN THE WORKS OF THE SOUTH METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY.

Roumanians are really Slav races, though often spoken of as though they were. All that can be said is that they have become more or less Slavonised.

A federation of the Jugo-Slav peoples, and an alliance of the Illyrian peoples with Italy, would transfer some eight millions of people from the hated Germanic yoke to independence, and constitute a formidable barrier to German extension towards the Adriatic and Ægean Seas. It is devoutly to be hoped that their aspirations will be fulfilled, since it will make for the peace of Europe. That the aspirations of these peoples will achieve complete fulfillment seems hardly probable, so many are the conflicting interests which have to be reckoned with. Much will depend on Italy, and, more upon the cultivation of a spirit of "sweet reasonableness" on the part of those who have 'so much to hope for and so much to gain. For them compromise is the way of salvation. of salvation.

> The Bulgarians, though now commonly regarded as Slavs, are really nearly related to the Magyars, for they are Finnic. Cross-ing the Danube at the end of the seventh century, they have since adopted the Slav tongue, and have in other ways become Slavonised. The earliest mention of the Bulgars would seem to locate them be-tween the Ural Mountains and the Volga. tween the Ural Mountains and the Volga. This district was, in fact, known as Old Bulgaria till the Russians took it in the fifteenth century. Remaining heathen for some two hundred years, they adopted Christianity, and under their great leaders, Simeon and Samuel, became a power in the land. Their rulers, Ripley tells us, styling themselves "Emperors of the Slavs," fought the Germans, and conquered the fought the Germans, and conquered the Magyars, as well as their neighbours in Thrace. They received tribute from Byzan-

Thrace. They received tribute from Byzantium, and became allies of Charlemagne; and then subsided under the rule of the Turks. Bulgaria is now the "black sheep" of the Balkans; nevertheless, it is possible that, for the sake of peace, she will have to be remarked by an enlarge.

warded by an enlarge-ment of her southern borders; but she will have first to release the north-eastern corner of Serbia which she has seized at Germany's bidding, embracing, as it does, the Morava Valley the high road from Berlin to Sofia. The re-tention of this means, according to Sir Thomas Holdich—and he should know—the success of the German objective in this war: the triumph of Cen-tral Europe. And that is not to be thought of.

Of the ancestry of the Roumanians we know nothing, as is shown by the conflicting statements the conflicting statements made on this head. For, while some speak of them as Slavs, others regard them as a mixture of Thracian and Roman; while some insist that they are kinsmen of the Bulgars. When the Roumanians themselves undertake to solve the question by an anthropometrical survey, the matter may be set at rest; but not till then. W. P. Pycraft. W. P. PYCRAFT.



THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN GAS WORKS: A WOMAN DISCHARGING COKE, WITH A CO-PARTNERSH.P PUSHER, IN THE WORKS OF THE SOUTH METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY.

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Italy's August Offensive: On the Summit of Monte Santo.



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The Convent of Monte Santo was gutted by fire, unroofed, partly blown up, and reduced to a state of ruin in the first Italian attack on the Austrian position on the mountain, in May, which circumstances prevented the Italians from carrying through. The bomin May, which circumstances prevented the Italians from carrying through. The bombardment of the upper slopes of the mountain in the battle of August, which resulted in the capture of the entire position, despite Gibraltar-like fortifications all over its

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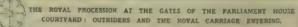
QUESTIONED BY FRENCH STAFF OFFICERS IN A DUG-OUT AT VERDUN: A GERMAN PRISONER EXAMINED.

Great importance is attached to the examination of the German prisoners. Some prove sullen, and say they know nothing, or else grunt monosyllabic answers. Others feign stupidity. Some become lachrymose. Others, again, try to curry favour by being lequacions. Suspected liars are usually "bowled out" by shrewd cross-questioning. The Staff efficers told off to hold the interrogations manage, as a rule, to get hold of

something, which, pieced together with other information, often results in profitable intelligence for Headquarters. In particular, the presence of the prisoners' battalions at certain piaces, and their more recent movements, come out—information of high value as affording a clue to the distribution of divisions and army corps, and the enemy's

THE NEW RULER IN GREECE: KING ALEXANDER TAKING THE OATH.







AFTER THE CEREMONY AND DEPARTURE OF KING ALEXANDER: MEMBERS



A SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT OF THE CHANGED TIMES: A MEMBER OF M. VENIZELOS CRETAN BODYGUARD STANDING AT THE SALUTE AS KING ALEXANDER ASCENDED THE STEPS TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE.



These are the first photographs which have reached this country of the historic scene at Athens when the new King, Alexander, took the oath, in the Parliament House, to observe the original Constitution of Greece. The ceremony took place before the reconstituted Chamber of Deputies, elected in May 1915, with a sweeping majority for M. Venizelos, then Premier, which the ex-King Constantine, under German influence, arbitrarily dissolved and replaced by a subservient body of anti-Venizelists. King Alexander drove from the

Palace to the Parliament House in State, with outriders and postilions, through crowded streets. The immediate approach to the courtyard of the Parliament House was decorated with laurel wreaths and streamers of the national blue-and-white colours, bearing the initials, "A.B." (Alexander Basileus). Within the building the President of the Chamber escorted the King to the throne, attended by the Cabinet Ministers and members of the Royal Household. The Metropolitan of Athens then brought forward the richly bound [Continued orbonits.]

THE NEW RULER IN GREECE: KING ALEXANDER TAKING THE OATH.



KING ALEXANDER of Greece succeeded 4- the throne on June 12. He is the second son of the ex-King Constantine, and is twenty-four years of age. The second soil of the ex-king constantine, and is twenty-four years of age. The abdication of King Constantine was the result of the demand of the Protecting Powers (Great Britain, France, and Russia) presented on the previous day, June 11. King Constantine had been King since the assassination of his father, King George, on March 18, 1913. The Protecting Powers expressly barred the Crown Prince George from the succession on account of his notorious pro-German leanings. In consequence, King Constantine, with the assent of the Entente Powers, nominated his second son, Prince Alexander. He notified his own abdication to the people of Greece and the name of his successor by a special Decree. Up to then, Prince Alexander had taken little or no part in politics, confining himself to his military duties as a

major of artillery, and being apparently more interested in sports than in the international situation. He is described as a notable gymnast, and wonderful swimmer, and also a keen motorist. The recall of M. Venizelos followed the accession of the new King, and the dismissal of the pro-German Cabinet of King Constantine's régime and dissolution of the then Chamber of Deputies. The former Deputies, elected in 1915 as Venizelists, who had been summarily ejected from the Chamber by King Constantine on the dismissal of their leader, were at the same time recalled. Constantine on the dismissal of their leader, were at the same time recalled. In his Speech from the Throne on the occasion of the taking of the Constitutional Oath, King Alexander declared that "imperious obligations" had at length "called Greece into the camp of those whose war-aim was to defend the Rights of Nationalities and the Liberty of Peoples."

IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT: THE NEW KING OF GREECE READING HIS SPEECH FROM THE THRONE AFTER TAKING THE OATH ON THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS.

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Book of the Four Gospeis, used by Greek royally on such occasions, and, laying his hand on the Book, the King repeated the Oath aloud, kissing the Metropolitan's hand afterwards.

M. Venizelos then came forward, amid cheers for the "Liberty of the Constitution!" and cries of "Long live the great Venizelos!" and handed the King the Speech from the Throne in manuscript. King Alexander, standing stiffly, monocle in eye, read it out in

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SIMPLICITY, war-like quietness and easy outline, and not much detail, are still to be the order of the day in dress. Paris dress-designers have been actually officially asked by their Government to reduce as far as possible the amount of woollen fabric to be used up in autumn frocks, owing to the great searcity of the raw material and the huge demands of the Army. The new models reflect this necessity, and for one item, the coat-frock is to be retained in full popularity. This useful one-piece garment is, indeed, so sensible—being easily made, light in wear, and loose-fitting—that it would be a very good thing to retain it permanently in fashion for street and business wear. The coat-and-skirt actually does answer to this description: for many years past, it has been almost a uniform for the useful "stand-by" outdoor costume of Englishwomen, and the changes in the fashion of that tailor-made garb have been so trilling that the economical could wear a coat-and-skirt to the end of its shapeliness and the surface of the material. The one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend it, even beyond those of the coat-and-skirt to the end of its shapeliness and the surface of the material. The one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend it, even beyond those of the coat-and-skirt to the end of its shapeliness and the surface of the material. The one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend it, even beyond those of the coat-and-skirt to the end of its shapeliness and the surface of the material. The one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend it, even beyond those of the coat-and-skirt to the material. The one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend it, even beyond those of the one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend it, even beyond these one-piece coat-frock garment has, however, certain points to recommend the surface of the theology of the poi

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AND THE "LULA." The dainty "Laura" house-frock is of soft satin and fancy foulard, and is in black, navy, bottle-green, and wine-colour; and the smart serge walking-frock, the "Luia," has a neck and waistband trimmed with fancy stitching. It is made in black and Navy, and both are to be found in the attractive showrooms of Messrs. Harrods, in Brompton Road, S.W

the times in this department. The first Autumn booklet is now ready, and as the introduction remarks; "Everything

that comes from Harrods is of its kind the best, and so this book, like every other message from this House, will interest chiefly those to whom the best appeals. In the Realm of Fashion, as befits the days we live in, styles are simpler, colours quieter, lavishness taboo; but, as Harrods clearly prove throughout these pages, the artist-designer has risen to the new occasion, and, mindful of prevailing circumstance, has evolved new character, new effectiveness, new charm." Our illustrations this week are borrowed from this catalogue of Harrods, and show the justice of the claim just quoted. "G.O. Lula" is one of the simple styles that are in the very best vogue; it is stocked in black and Navy fine serge, with fancy stitching at waist and neck; the pleatings make it equally becoming to slender and full figures; and the price complete is 6½ guineas.

The other illustration here shown, distinguished by the name "G.O. Laura," is a dainty and smart indoor gown in the softest of satins, and a "tabard" of a harmonious foulard, the colours available being black, Navy, and the most fashionable shades of the autumn this year, bottle-green and wine-red. This frock is equally suitable for afternoon wear and a quiet home dinner, and is priced at 7 guineas.

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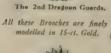




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system in business. It is a good thing when it is made use of to achieve an end, but when it becomes the end—that is, when it attains to the position of master instead of servant, it ceases to have merit. Therefore, I say it will be a bad time for the British car and its maker when construction reaches the pitch of standardisation touched by the American car I am thinking about. But, although there is no necessity for standardisation to run riot, there is no question but that there is a real need for a much greater degree of a quality which, as I have remarked, is an excellent one up to a point. There are numberless details of the car which could be common to every make without the least loss of individuality by any. Take, for example, such things as brake-rod stirrups, to quote only one of those details. At present these are turned out by the dozen by the constructors themselves, each to its own pattern. Now, supposing these were made to a common, standard design. In that case they would be turned out by the dozen gross in a specialist factory. They would cost farthings instead of pence and, what would appeal more to the motorist, they would be obtainable at every wayside repair-shop; so that in the event of a stripped thread or some other slight misadventure, one would be able to drop into the repairer, pay a small sum for the first

thread or some other slight misadventure, one would be able to drop into the repairer, pay a small sum for the first stirrup to hand, and take it away with the assurance that it was the exact thing required, no matter what the make of

it was the exact thing required, no matter what the make of car concerned. And what would be the loss of individuality in the car? Absolutely none, for one good stirrup is just as good as another good one, if I may put it that way.

Again, why not a standard for front axles and steering connections? As things are, if I have any particular type of British car, and anything happens so that I want new parts, I can only get them from the makers of the car or their agents, very possibly after a long and vexatious delay. Now, if all the makers of, say, 15'9-h.p. cars would get together and agree to use the same axles and steering connections, the local agent would find it to his advantage to stock the parts most frequently required, and I should be able to get them out of hand. And there would still be no loss of individuality to the car. As things are, no agent can afford to carry a series stock of parts for every car, because it would mean the

sinking of a great deal of money in dead stock which he might never be able to realise. The advantages of the alternative system of standardisation are too obvious, all round, to need emphasis. It is all bound up in what is known in America as "service," and in it lies no

small measure of the popularity which the cheap American car has attained here. We cannot hope to achieve the enorm-ous outputs of the American factories; American factories; but what cannot be done by the individual maker can be done by a judicious system of co-operation in the direction I have indicated. It will have to be done, too, if we are to keep our home market to ourselves, to say nothing of to say nothing of the rebuilding of the over-seas trade. I have only touched



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I have only touched on the outside fringe of the subject. Had one the space in which to enumerate the many directions in which standardisation could be carried out to the mutual advantage of manufacturer and user, and to take a typical chassis for the demonstration of how many parts could be so standardised without loss to the distinctive qualities of the whole, I imagine the reader would be protoundly astonished at the total.—w. w.

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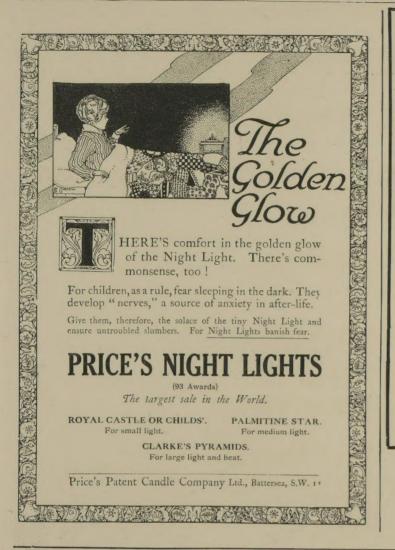
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